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SUBJECT: MBFR: LINK BETWEEN PHASES: ASSURANCES TO OTHER SIDE

REF: A. USNATO 3592 B. USNATO 3629 C. STATE 140957

1. UK HAS INFORMED SPC BY LETTER THAT, AT JULY 2 SPC ON MBFR SECTION IV GUIDANCE TO AD HOC GROUP ON ASSURANCES TO OTHER SIDE, UK WILL PROPOSE TWO CHANGES IN US FORMULATION IN IS DRAFT TEXT, (PARA 1, REF A). FIRST, REPLACE " IN THE CONTEXT" BY "AS PART". SECOND, INSERT "FIRM" BEFORE "COMMITMENT".

2. UK PROPOSED THESE CHANGES IN LIGHT OF DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN ROSE AND UK DELEGATION ON OCCASION OF AD HOC GROUP BRIEFING OF NAC ON JUNE 28. THE UK LETTER EXPLAINS THE PROPOSED CHANGES AS FOLLOWS:

" (A) THE PUROPOSE OF THE FIRST CHANGE IS TO AVOID THE VAGUER PHRASE " IN THE CONTEXT OF" WHICH MIGHT ONLY SERVE TO INVITE SECRET

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ENQUIRI FROM THE OTHER SIDE AS TO WHETHER WE MEAN THAT THE COMMITMENT WOULD OR WOULD NOT BE PART OF A FIRST PHASE AGREEMENT. THE WORKS " AS PART OF " NEED NOT PREJUDICE THE ISSUE OF WHETHER COMMITMENT WOULD BE EMBODIED IN THE DOCUMENT EFFECTING REDUCTIONS

OR MADE IN SOME OTHER WAY INCLUDING BY A DECLARATION SINCE BY "A SATISFACTORY FIRST PHASE AGREEMENT" IT MUST BE EVIDENT THAT WE MEAN THE WHOLE COMPLEX OF UNDERSTANDINGS THAT WOULD BE REACHED IN CONNECTION WITH THE FIRST PHASE.

(B) THE PURPOSE OF THE SECOND CHANGE IS TO REASSURE THE EAST AS TO THE NATURE OF THE COMMITMENT AND THEREFORE TO STIMULATE THEIR INTEREST IN THIS INITIAL INDICATION OF IT."

3. UK WILL ALSO PROPOSE AT JULY 2 SPC THAT WE HENCEFORTH REFER TO THE COMMITMENT AS THE "ALL PARTICIPANTS COMMITMENT," INSTEAD OF " ALL FORCES COMMITMENT," ON GROUNDS THAT " THE LATTER HAS A DIFFERENT MEANING IN A MILITARY CONTEXT FROM THAT WHICH WE INTEND."

4. COMMENT: MISSION IS CONCERNED THAT FIRST UK CHANGE WILL APPEAR TO THE FRG TO PREJUDICE FORM OF COMMITMENT IN FAVOR OF INCLUDING IT IN FIRST PHASE DOCUMENT. WE DO NOT FIND ABOVE UK RATIONALE CONVINCING IN THIS RESPECT. UK PHRASE "AS PART OF" MAY WELL LEAD OTHER SIDE TO ASSUME COMMITMENT WOULD BE PART OF DOCUMENT. WE BELIEVE THAT IF FRG IS WILLING TO DROP ITS OWN FORMULATION IN INTEREST NOT SPECIFYING FORM OF COMMITMENT AT THIS TIME, AND IF FRG OPPOSES UK PORPOSED CHNAGE, THAT US SHOULD SUPPORT FRG AND DEFEND ORIGINAL US PHRASE " IN THE CONTEXT." MISSION SEES NO PROBLEM WITH SECOND UK CHANGE, OR ADOPTING TERM " ALL PARTICIPANTS COMMITMENT." RUMSFELD

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